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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF SOVIET SHIPPING OFFICIAL

1. AP STORY DATELINED ANTWERP SEPTEMBER 15 REPORTS
BELGIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED TO RENEW THE VISA OF
VYACHESLAV MAKAEV, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS A MANAGING
DIRECTOR OF THE SOVIET-CONTROLLED, ANTWERP-BASED TRANS-
WORLD MARINE AGENCY. AP REPORT CITES BRUSSELS DAILY LE
SOIR STORY TO EFFECT THAT REASON FOR GOB ACTION AGAINST
MAKAEV IS INVOLVEMENT OF TRANSWORLD IN SUPPLYING FUNDS TO
PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY, INCLUDING TRANSFER OF 20
MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS IN AUGUST. LE SOIR, ACCORDING AP,
REPORTS GOB WELL AWARE OF ILLICIT ACTIVITIES OF TRANSWORLD
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BUT REFRAINED FROM TAKING ACTION EARLIER DUE TO SCHEDULED

VISIT TO USSR BY KING BAUDOUIN IN JUNE.

2. DEPT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY DETAILS WHICH EMBASSY
MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN FROM GOB ON MAKAEV CASE, AS WELL AS
INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES OF TRANSWORLD. WE WOULD BE
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED TO LEARN WHETHER REASONS FOR
DENIAL OF NEW VISA TO MAKAEV AS STATED IN AP STORY. KISSINGER

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